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The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1925 (2010) of 28 May 2010, by which the Council decided that, as from 1 July 2010, the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo would bear the title "United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo", and recalling also the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2409 (2018) of 27 March 2018, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 March 2019,

Recalling also its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 71/301 of 30 June 2017,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

[1] A/72/638, A/72/638/Corr.1, A/72/778, A/72/784 and A/72/784/Add.1.
[2] A/72/789/Add.11, A/72/789/Add.11/Corr.1 and A/72/844.

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Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 30 April 2018, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 377,609,316 United States dollars, representing some 2.0 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 27 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Stresses* the crucial importance of providing adequate and timely support for the electoral process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and requests the Secretary-General to include an update on the matter in the context of the next budget submission;

10. *Takes note* of paragraph 27 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[3] and decides:

[3] A/72/789/Add.11 and A/72/789/Add.11/Corr.1.

(a) Not to redeploy one National Professional Officer post and three United Nations Volunteer positions that were proposed for redeployment to the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office;

(b) Not to establish two posts of Human Rights Officer (National Professional Officer) and one post of Protection Coordination Officer (United Nations Volunteer);

11. *Welcomes* efforts to provide United Nations standard accommodation for all military contingent and formed police unit personnel, and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen his efforts in this regard and provide an update in the context of the next budget submission;

12. *Decides* to allocate an amount of 151,722,200 dollars for air operations from the overall resources for the Mission;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to improve the security of communications in the Mission;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

16. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;[4]

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

17. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;[5]

18. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Mission in an amount not exceeding 47,922,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the use of the commitment authority in the context of the budget performance report of the Mission;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

19. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 1,192,265,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of 1,114,619,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 57,531,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 14,473,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 5,641,400 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

20. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in a total amount not exceeding 80,000,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, in addition to the amount of 1,114,619,500 dollars appropriated for the same period for the maintenance of the Mission;

[4] A/72/638 and A/72/638/Corr.1.
[5] A/72/778.

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

21. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 596,132,700 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

22. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 16,826,050 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 13,598,500 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,324,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 620,450 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 282,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

23. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 298,066,350 dollars for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2019, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and the updated levels;[6]

24. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 8,413,025 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 6,799,250 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,162,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 310,225 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 141,350 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

25. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 298,066,350 dollars for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of 99,355,450 dollars, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and the updated levels, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

26. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 25 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 8,413,025 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 6,799,250 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,162,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 310,225 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 141,350 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

27. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 15,912,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

[6] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

28. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 15,912,300 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 27 above;

29. *Further decides* that the increase of 2,688,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 15,912,300 dollars referred to in paragraphs 27 and 28 above;

30. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

31. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

32. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

33. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".